

**SWOG
SAGE-GROUSE**

Date: August 18th, 2005

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

Place: Monticello County Building

Planning/update
meeting

Members Present;

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Guy Wallace (UDWR)

Kevin Dustin (WS)

John Scroup (landowner)

Clay and Shirley Pehrson

Information Presented

Discussion was had on what and where the group needs to go from here. The plan has identified several objectives that we need to be working on and are and we report on these issues and objectives annually in our report. However, we need to take the next step and look at the range wide plan to determine what direction it gives us.

The group discussed future research needs. It was determined that we still need to be looking at a landscape level as to what we have, the condition it is in, how it falls within guidelines and what historical areas ought we to be looking at in SJC. The group discussed the possibilities of some research with Utah Power on the power line north of the core area.

Kevin Dustin gave a report of the predator control that went on this past year. There are still some concerns about eggs and ravens. It seems that we are not really putting a dent in the raven populations in the core treatment area. Kevin agreed to start looking into other means including locating raven nest and treating with corn or other baits right under the nest. Kevin indicated he would need to look into their permit from the USFWS to determine if they can and if the application needed to be modified.

Guy Wallace gave the group an update on the range wide plan and gave anyone who wanted a hard copy or digital copy of the plan. A copy of the plan both hard copy and digital copy would remain in the extension office. The range wide plan gives us some

specific directions. We need to look into these, find out what they are and what we need to be doing to implement these actions.

Actions Taken

To include Colorado DOW and landowners at the next meeting to get the ball rolling with them.

Follow-up Needed

Todd to review the range wide plan to determine what needs to be done in SJC.

Todd to discuss research needs with Terry Messmer

Todd will follow up with the Colorado people to see that we get them to the next meeting so that we can start discussing linking the Dove Creek and Monticello populations together.

Kevin agreed to look into other baits for raves and give something else a try next spring.

Todd to contact Sherri Liguori about Utah Power and doing some additional work there.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 9th at 4:00 PM a dinner will follow at 6:30 PM The meeting will be held with key Colorado people to discuss issues and actions. We will also have a dinner at after this meeting.